

11<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## Exam preparation for independent school and grammar school entry

Dear Parents/Carers,

At St Joseph's, we have a successful track record of our students attending some of the most prestigious independent and grammar schools in London:

- The Cedars
- Alleyn's School
- Dulwich College
- James Allen's Girls' School (JAGS)
- Streatham & Clapham High School GDST
- Sydenham High School GDST
- Tiffin School
- Trinity School
- Wallington County Grammar
- Whitgift School

Entrance to these schools is very competitive (through a series of tests commonly known as the '11+ Entrance Exams') and can require a considerable amount of additional work and support outside of the classroom including, in some cases, spending on expensive tutors, which we know can discourage many families from applying.

We know our pupils are very capable, as shown by our results over the past few years, where our students have received fully-funded bursaries and scholarships to these schools.

Therefore, we are pleased to share with you a wonderful online resource that St Joseph's will be partnering with, ATOM Learning. Atom learning is a platform focused on supporting pupils' verbal and non-verbal reasoning in maths and English and it also supports preparation for entrance exams into independent schools.

ATOM focuses on the key subjects tested in the 11+ Entrance Exams and uses a mix of live and recorded videos and, interactive tests, to teach pupils. It is unique as it uses a computer algorithm to analyse your child's performance as they progress through the topics, automatically adjusting the difficulty of the questions depending on how they are progressing. Both parent and teacher can see how well they are doing, including areas of strength and areas which need further development. <https://atomlearning.co.uk/>



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ATOM offer two levels of support – please follow the links to see more:

- **Atom Prime** is their core product and includes all the lessons, quizzes and activities, as well as the monitoring and link to the school. If you would like your child to take a mock/practice exam aimed at secondary school entry, then you pay a small fee for that particular topic. Please [click here](#) for an introductory video on Atom Prime.
- **Atom Nucleus** is their premium product. It is essentially Atom Prime but with all exams included. Please [click here](#) for an introductory video on Atom Nucleus. A monthly subscription is around £60 per month.

**As part of our support for child’s learning, we have negotiated with ATOM that they will provide Atom Prime FREE to all junior students.**

**Should you wish to upgrade to the paid ATOM Nucleus programme, then we ask that you contact Mr. Defty via email (see below) as we have negotiated a discounted rate for this product too.**

We do appreciate that for a number of reasons, not all our students and families wish to attend independent/private or grammar schools. It is of course entirely your choice whether to use any of these ATOM products.

You and your child/children will receive login details on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. You will need to follow the link to set-up a linked supervisory account before your child will have access to the resources outside of school hours. This is an excellent resource and we encourage you to assign your child work on this platform to further support their learning outside of the classroom.

We hope your child enjoys using this wonderful new resource.

Yours sincerely

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